



Danvers, Oct. 7th 1863.

Dear Charles

I received your letter a few days ago. how can I express by words my astonishment at having such a letter. May I ask how long you were writing it? I judged that you were thinking of some-thing else while you wrote. When I read your letter I could have given you a a scolding but have got over that now. What time do you find to read the daily news, and play. Why dont you write of-ten. How much do you study and where is your book. How do you stand in your studies. How many times can you speak the same piece. or how many times have you spoken 'Stand up for the Flag'. Who is Prof. Barrows. What did you do "Battle Show" time were you on the grounds. Did Maud Edward bring your things to you or not. if so how do you like them. This is your

Greek week. but I guess you can find time
to scribble a better letter than the last one
was (Don't let your handwriting turn into
~ ~ ~) Mother is sick - has been so since
last Friday. Had the Dr. on Monday. she does
not set up any and ~~is~~ has great hopes
that you will have enough of interest -
to write home. You must write a nice
letter for to please her. She wants to hear
about your meetings & what you are up
to generally. how you are getting along. I
have had to be absent some from school but
not much. We have one session of the school
now. commences at 8 o'clock & closes at 2. no schol
sat. recess of 20 min. at noon. we are going to
try it for 2 weeks & see how it works. we close
one day. per week as it now is. do you think
it is a foolish plan. Mr. Hills does not like it
guess Miss Smith does not she has to get
her dinner in 20 minutes. Aunt Putnam
has been down to the Cape. she left Abbie and
Sarah Flint & uncle Sam. to take care of
the things they expect them ^{uncle & aunt Pat} home to day.

Lizzie Ingalls wanted me to ask you "the next time I wrote if you knew Harry Huse". Does Aunt Lucy ans. your letters? I have not received aunt Hattie's yet. Don't know where it is. there was a paper sent to you from I don't know where. do you know anything of it. we may & we may not send it I don't know. we are very busy now & I do not have much time to write. Ellen Hills is failing. rides out every pleasant day - Mr. H. is much the same as ever he wanted to know how often I heard from you. what do you think I told him do you like truck any better - We are scanning by the Caesara now - such work - would you like to hear us. we have a new way of correcting compositions we have to go into the recitation room & miss Smith reads ^{the} a part of those that are faulty & need correcting & then we have to write the sentence & correct it. Capital away. I have no more time & think I have written

as much as you wrote - I have all the
work to do. - & must not stop more
Mother is about the same to day.
write soon & love to you - hope you are
well & will remain the same

I am Ever yours &c Emma


Kallie & Morrie rec'd school
Guess they have naught to
write you -

Finished Oct 8th AM.

My class recite at the next concert. have got some
poetry to say - 1st 2nd & 10th verses of the 8th Psalm I have
to the 4th Commandment in concert. It is very
rainy & blowy. It has been rainy for the last
3. Fridays & Sat. - regular - ever since the 2nd week
of Sept. - Pleasant the rest of first part of
the week. There - No - more - for -
snow -

E. E. P.

Don't let this be seen -

Mollie wants you to  write him a
letter & Morrie wants one too
Mother had got some more